

WE, the undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, at its December Session, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, whose duty it was "to examine, explore and survey that section of the River Pocomoke which lies between the town of Snowhill, in Worcester County, and the line of the state of Delaware, &c. &c." as appears by their resolution, do therefore beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

First. We have proceeded to explore and survey that section of the river Pokomoke which lies between the town of Snowhill and the line of the state of Delaware. We find the distance to be about twenty one miles from tide water to the Delaware line, and twenty-five miles from the town of Snowhill to the Delaware line. We find the distance to be *cut* entirely, and the distance to be *enlarged*, together, to make about six miles. In many places the river is very much choked with trees, brush, chips, and by lumber getters, and a large part has considerable obstruction by trees in and across the river. A large portion of the stream is sluggish. There are but two places that may be called rapid, and these just above tide-water—the first is about two hundred yards in length, and the second about four hundred yards; but a boat may be poled against the stream in either rapid. As water power is scarce in this part of the state, the rapids might be conducted to a part of the swamp never flooded, and near the high ground, and there locked for boats to pass when the river was low, and a valuable water power obtained. The river runs through a large bed of iron ore, above Parker's Bridge, designated in plat, which might add to the value of the water power below. These locks would cost but little, as a lift of three feet would be